

REMARKS

Applicants respond hereby to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2008, imposing restriction and requiring applicants to elect one of two inventive groupings of pending claims 21-31. Claim Group I includes claims 1-27, and Claim Group II includes claims 28-31.

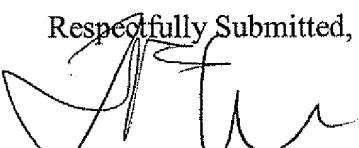
As stated, applicants hereby provisionally elect Claim Group I, comprising claims 21-27, which are drawn to a method, system and program storage device for managing a cluster of networked resources, resource groups.

Furthermore, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected Claim Group II, claims 28-31.

Moreover, applicants thank Examiner Bruckart for his comments set forth in the Remarks section of the February 4 Office Action.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicants' undersigned attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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